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VEHICLE, FOOT PURSUIT PAY OFF WITH FIREARMS' FUGITIVE IN CUSTODY

PITTSBURGH, PA – The Allegheny County Sheriff's Office announces the apprehension of Tohn Robinson, 36 years of age from Penn Hills and the arrest of Monique Matthews, 22 years of age from Homewood. Robinson had been wanted since December 27, 2016 on three criminal bench warrants, as well as a federal warrant issued January 16, 2018 on drug charges. Due to an incident involving a firearm, Robinson had been featured on the Sheriff's Office's Firearm Related Crimes' Fugitives' webpage and social media since December 2016.

Robinson, a known drug dealer, had been involved in several controlled drug buys back in 2015, where officers purchased over 20 stamp bags from him on different occasions. While on bond awaiting trial for this case, officers arrested Robinson again in April 2016, when they found him sleeping in a vehicle, with the engine running and a loaded firearm on his lap. At the time of this arrest, Robinson had a DUI-related suspended license. Furthermore, a search warrant in August 2016 of Robinson's home yielded nearly 60 stamp bags of alleged heroin and fentanyl, as well as over \$1,000 in US Currency.

Again while awaiting trial scheduled for February 16, 2017, Robinson had violated the conditions of his bond and in turn warrants were issued regarding the aforementioned cases.

Early this morning, sheriff's deputies obtained information that Robinson was operating a silver Acura, which they located on State Route 22 in heavy traffic. Due to the traffic conditions, deputies attempted to exit their vehicles and apprehend Robinson. As they neared the vehicle, Robinson observed the deputies and attempted an escape. The Acura hit a vehicle in front, climbed the median, nearly hit multiple deputies in the process, and headed against traffic west bound on Route 22. After a thirty-minute pursuit, Robinson and female passenger, Matthews, abandoned the vehicle attempting to elude deputies on foot.

Matthews was located shortly after Robinson ditched the vehicle and was detained by deputies. While this arrest was occurring, deputies were chasing Robinson into the Pinewood Square Apartment Complex. During this chase, Robinson was observed with a firearm in hand, which he tossed. Deputies finally closed in on Robinson when he broke into an apartment within the complex and was cornered inside of the apartment. Once in custody, deputies found a bag of suspected crack cocaine inside Robinson's pant pocket.

Thanks to the diligence of Penn Hills' K9 Officers, a loaded 9mm Springfield handgun was recovered on the pursuit trail. Additionally, deputies located a bag inside of a grill behind one of the apartments, which contained nine bricks of alleged heroin-filled stamp bags. In addition to Penn Hills' officers' assistance, the Sheriff's Office would like to thank FBI-Pittsburgh and Monroeville Police Department for their support in today's apprehension.

Matthews was transported to the Sheriff's Office's Investigations Division for questioning.



Tohn Robinson

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